

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest and to give equal time to all candidates, not to hide electioneering in the phrase, documentary.

When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. We get information that dictates how we should live, not information presented in an unbiased manner that helps us make informed decisions as individuals, and guaranteed by the freedoms our country was founded on.

Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.